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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN UNDER THE CARE OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-98 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 The Commissioner of Children and Families, or any agent
4 appointed by [him] the commissioner, shall exercise careful
5 supervision of each child under [his] the commissioner's guardianship
6 or care and shall maintain such contact with the child and [his] the
7 child's foster family as is necessary to promote the child's safety and
8 [his] physical, educational, moral and emotional development,
9 including, but not limited to, visiting each foster home at least once
10 every ten days. The commissioner shall maintain such records and
11 accounts as may be necessary for the proper supervision of all children
12 under [his] the commissioner's guardianship or care.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) Not later than thirty days
14 after a child or youth with behavioral health needs, as defined in
15 section 17a-1 of the general statutes, is placed in the care and custody

16 of the Commissioner of Children and Families, the commissioner shall
17 visit the family home or homes of such child or youth. The
18 commissioner shall conduct such visit for the purpose of assessing
19 potential causes of the child's behavioral health needs, including
20 genetic and familial factors, and determining the resources needed to
21 best treat the child.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	17a-98
Sec. 2	October 1, 2011	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require employees of the Department of Children and Families to visit foster homes at least once every ten days and to visit the family homes of children or youth with behavioral health needs not later than thirty days after they are placed in the care and custody of the Commissioner of Children and Families.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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